GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF COAL BLOCKS
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated new guidelines for allotment of coal block to the core sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (b): At present, allocation of coal blocks for captive mining is made through a Screening Committee which has representations, interalia, from the related Central Ministries, and State Government also. After hearing the applicants individually, the Screening Committee makes the selection in accordance with the guidelines prescribed in this behalf. These guidelines are modified from time to time based on experience and necessicity and are placed on the web-site of the Ministry of Coal. In order to make the system even more transparent and objective, a proposal to introduce a competitive bidding system for allocation of coal blocks for captive use has been mooted.